



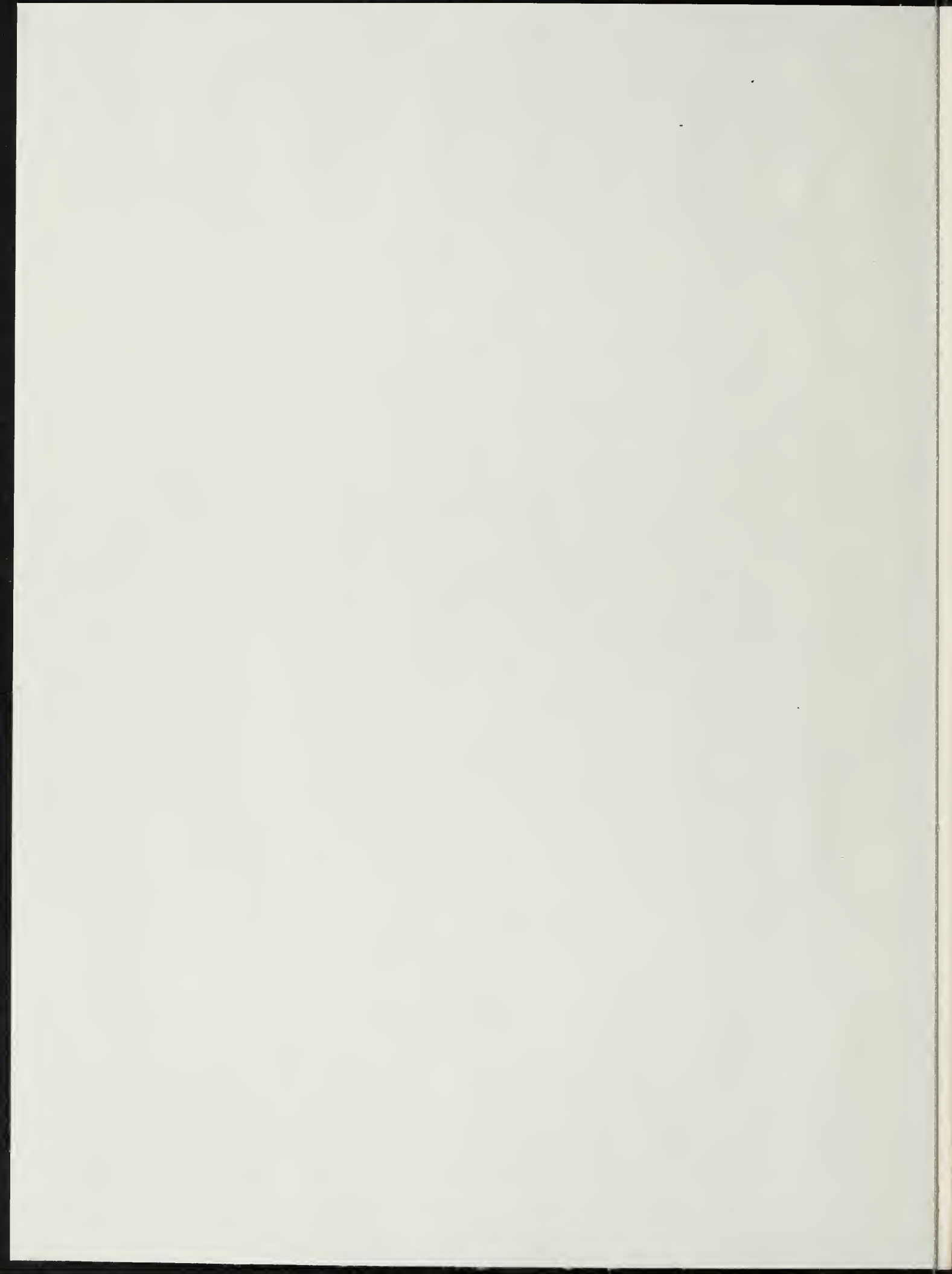
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Preface

The Division of Industrial Accidents is charged with the responsibility for the administration and enforcement of Chapter 152 of the General Laws. The statutory authority for the Division is Sections 14 to 24 of Chapter 23 of the General Laws. The Division is placed within the Executive Office of Manpower Affairs by Section 17 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws.

The Division is organized along functional lines to achieve optional use of staff expertise and resources. (See Organization Chart)

The Industrial Accident Board, an internal part of the Division, is composed of twelve permanent members appointed for twelve year terms. One member is designated by the Governor as Chairman and serves co-terminous with the Governor.

The primary functions of the Division are to enforce the coverage provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws by ensuring that all employers of one or more persons have a contract of insurance or meet the statutory requirements for self-insurance; to keep records of injuries reported under the statute; to approve agreements regarding compensation; and to adjudicate disputed claims arising from the provisions of Chapter 152.

This Annual Report of the Division of Industrial Accidents is published under the authority provided in Section 4 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws as amended.

Members of the Industrial Accident Board and Principal Personnel

Industrial Accident Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Original Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Harry Demeter, Jr. 10 Meadow Brook Road Dover	June 9, 1955	June 3, 1989
George D. Hammond 96 Webster Avenue Westfield	September 25, 1974	June 9, 1978
Joseph J. Donovan 52 Crane Road Marshfield	September 24, 1964	January 31, 1979
Raymond M. Trudel 43 McCormick Terrace Stoughton	October 16, 1968	June 26, 1980
Edward S. Zelazo 8 Summer Street Adams	July 23, 1969	June 26, 1981
Robert J. Kelly 42 Russell Street Milton	May 13, 1970	January 31, 1982
Dorothy A. Antonelli 304 Lake Street Belmont	July 14, 1966	May 31, 1983
Joseph J. Pulgini 41 Prospect Street Hyde Park	December 20, 1962	July 5, 1984

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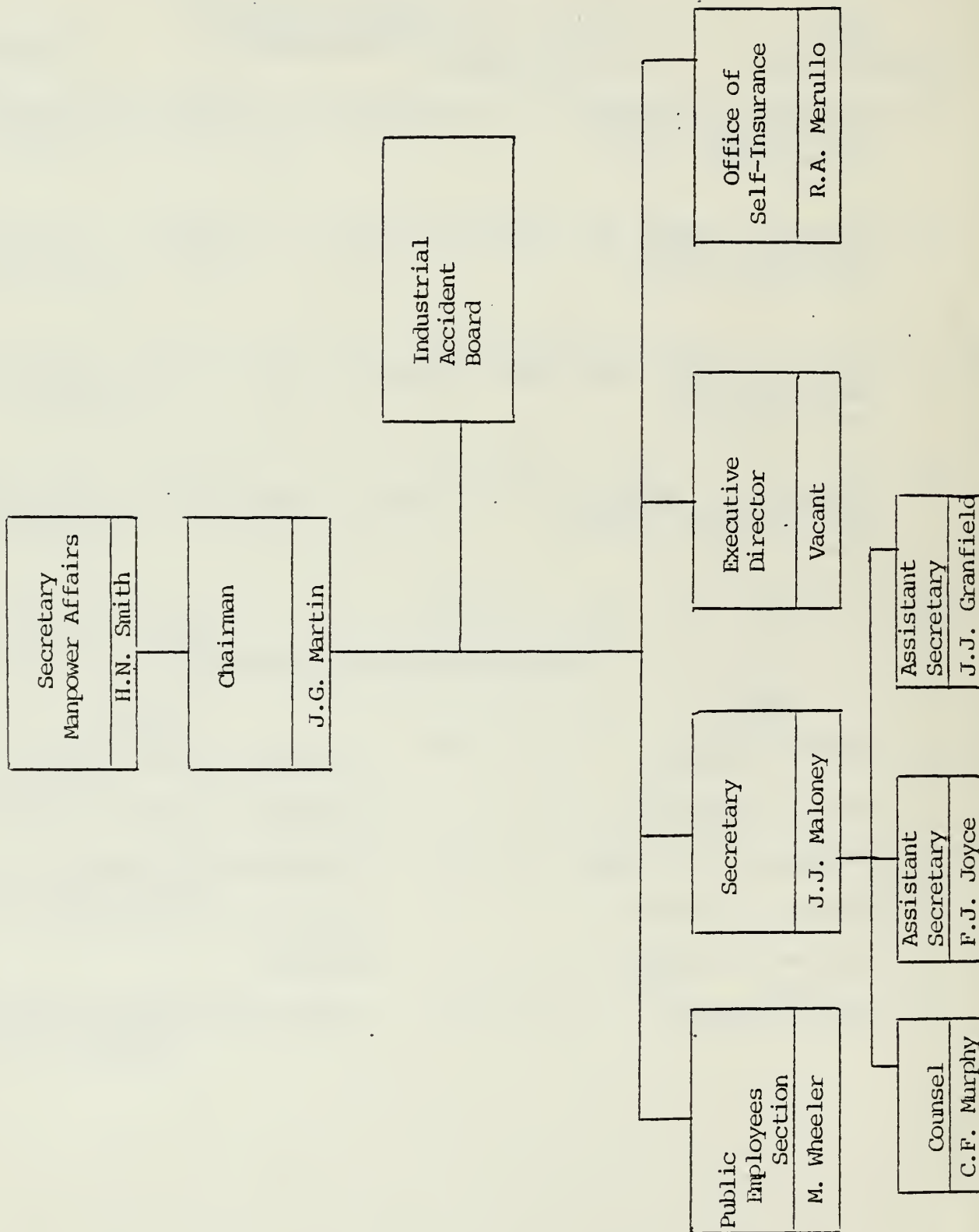
Industrial Accident Board

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Original Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Wallace B. Crawford 103 Spadina Parkway Pittsfield	February 16, 1966.	September 21, 1985
Salvatore Musco, Jr. 35 Apache Trail Arlington	December 31, 1974	September 21, 1986
John G. Martin, Chairman 36 Flagg Road Southborough	May 29, 1975	May 25, 1987
Nicholas J. Vergados 361 Riverside Street Lowell	July 31, 1976	July 29, 1988

Principal Division Personnel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
John J. Maloney	Secretary of the Board
Roland A. Merullo	Director, Office of Self-Insurance
Joseph J. Granfield	Assistant Secretary
Francis J. Joyce	Assistant Secretary
Charles F. Murphy	Counsel
Marion Wheeler	Supervisor, Workmen's Compensation Agents

DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS



SUMMARY NARRATIVE - 1977

1977 was a year of consolidation of programs instituted in 1976. The Conciliation Program which was developed in 1976 was continued and expanded to several other areas in the Commonwealth. Its results remain encouraging and we believe its continuation will provide valuable assistance to the achievement of our goals to reduce the time intervals for conferences and hearings.

The Secretary's Advisory Group had recommended that selection of individuals for appointment to the Industrial Accident Board be made with the assistance of a selection committee. Such a committee was formed in the last quarter of 1977 to screen candidates for two vacancies anticipated in early 1978. The Advisory Group had also recommended a salary increase for the Board to the level of District Court Judges. Legislation was filed, passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor increasing the salary of the Chairman to \$31,738 and the members to \$30,168.

Another recommendation of the Advisory Group was to file legislation permitting bills for impartial examinations to be approved for payment by the Division and paid directly by the insurer or self-insurer. This amendment was passed and became effective in October 1977. Its effect is to reduce the funds appropriated for the Division expenses by \$80,000.

Pursuant to other Advisory Group recommendations bills were filed to transfer the Public Employee's Section, responsible for handling claims of state employees, to the Personnel Administrator; and to permit a reasonable charge for cassette copies of tape recorded hearings. Both bills failed to win legislative approval in 1977 but have been refiled for 1978.

The final legislative recommendation of the Advisory Group was to study the current posture of rehabilitation of the industrially injured and to file legislation reforming it as indicated. A study group was formed with representation from the insurance industry, labor, employers and rehabilitation specialists. A comprehensive reorganization plan has been drafted and filed as new legislation.

In the administrative area, 1977 saw a significant increase in the number of reports of injuries filed with the Division. Although self-insurers showed a dramatic decline in reported injuries, continuing a two year trend, this was more than offset by the increase from insured employees. This 13% increase necessarily accompanied by associated documents has severely strained the capabilities of the limited clerical staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

First Reports of Injury

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
State Employees	10,084	10,156	11,513
Self Insurers	26,453	21,276	17,674
All Others	<u>187,017</u>	<u>187,805</u>	<u>206,041</u>
Total	223,554	218,237	235,128

Fatal Cases

1974	571
1975	517
1976	437
1977	441

Approved Agreements

1974	48,578
1975	25,272
1976	35,149
1977	35,956

IMPARTIAL EXAMINATIONS

1974	748
1975	808
1976	1,321
1977	1,390

SELF-INSURANCE

No. Self-Insurers	7/1/75	191	7/1/76	209	7/1/77	200
Applicants		22		33		20
Approvals		19		27		10
Removals		1		20		17

No. Self-Insurers	6/30/75	209	6/30/76	216	6/30/77	207
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Total Deposits	<u>6/30/75</u>	<u>6/30/76</u>	<u>6/30/77</u>
Cash & Securities	\$35,275,000	\$42,910,000	\$54,885,000

Assessment for Cost of Administration	<u>FY 1975</u>	<u>FY 1976</u>	<u>FY 1977</u>
	\$207,980	\$193,802	\$190,896

Rate	\$5.896/thousand	\$4.5165/thousand	\$3.478/thousand
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MANPOWER STATUS

Authorized 1/1/75	208	Authorized 1/1/76	193	Authorized 1/1/77	193
Filled 1/1/75	180	Filled 1/1/76	144	Filled 1/1/77	133
Filled 12/31/75	144	Filled 12/31/76	133	Filled 12/31/77	127

CASELOAD ACTIVITY

CASELOAD ACTIVITY

REQUESTS FOR CONFERENCE

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	779	876	927	843	1004	978	1162	914	908	1180	993	932	11,496
1975	1323	939	1126	1179	925	919	1093	849	856	899	846	543	11,497
1976	832	759	991	832	1164	944	907	1056	986	1137	835	878	11,321
1977	795	737	1130	876	1113	1237	871	1127	984	944	901	762	11,471

CASES COMPLETED

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	1099	1175	1086	1183	1409	1267	1146	788	1084	1170	1006	1155	13,577
1975	1181	1037	1171	1292	1296	1251	1086	885	1047	1196	851	926	13,219
1976	709	979	1107	899	922	793	832	1017	1013	1005	1390	878	11,594
1977	1153	913	874	929	864	803	691	1269	1034	1474	1053	740	11,797
						<u>1974</u>		<u>1975</u>		<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>		
Pending Cases - January 1						13,961		11,880		10,158	9,885		
Pending Cases - December 31						<u>11,880</u>		<u>10,158</u>		<u>9,885</u>	<u>9,565</u>		
Net Reduction						2,081		1,722		273	320		

CASES HEARD AND CONTINUED

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	30	62	91	99	66	56	43	56	43	71	88	76	831
1975	84	123	120	120	113	91	112	80	95	112	94	68	1,212
1976	112	81	101	104	105	86	48	55	132	78	66	74	1,042
1977	79	91	118	66	93	46	71	76	82	70	71	46	909

CASES HEARD AND FINISHED

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	81	69	70	70	70	67	40	53	41	34	42	40	677
1975	54	67	51	65	76	72	61	42	70	73	65	75	771
1976	64	55	72	76	56	52	42	37	53	55	28	50	640
1977	72	54	67	50	64	28	42	49	37	50	51	24	588

DISMISSALS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	8	13	10	7	16	11	1	4	0	2	1	2	75
1975	6	3	3	7	1	1	3	1	2	5	4	3	39
1976	6	10	6	11	7	3	11	20	4	1	4	7	90
1977	10	6	3	3	1	8	11	18	14	13	11	2	100

DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	73	49	32	81	80	77	73	82	57	76	47	64	791
1975	71	40	42	57	81	62	89	88	108	79	42	69	828
1976	58	56	76	57	47	47	56	69	65	53	67	33	684
1977	40	60	73	57	22	30	20	50	31	55	61	34	533

CLAIMS FOR REVIEW

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	42	31	24	31	62	58	46	53	32	36	35	34	484
1975	46	25	27	24	37	29	41	73	52	50	44	49	497
1976	28	50	45	43	30	24	35	57	34	40	55	18	457
1977	22	38	29	52	28	21	23	52	14	35	46	26	386

REVIEWING BOARD DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	41	26	8	34	28	22	27	33	33	32	17	19	320
1975	21	25	17	27	32	32	25	18	34	30	41	17	319
1976	27	23	23	28	30	23	18	16	30	15	21	13	267
1977	20	23	5	15	20	35	11	28	29	33	23	10	252

SECTION 36 DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	1	4	2	0	3	2	5	1	1	4	3	2	28
1975	7	2	9	3	4	5	5	5	4	2	1	0	47
1976	5	4	6	4	4	6	2	5	4	7	7	1	55
1977	0	5	5	4	2	5	5	9	2	13	8	3	61

ORDERS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	348	275	287	355	308	212	310	380	312	343	360	275	3,765
1975	340	359	266	452	426	469	438	280	327	489	360	321	4,527
1976	347	298	312	215	334	303	319	336	430	221	456	389	3,960
1977	331	321	332	343	358	312	265	525	416	278	425	245	4,151

CERTIFIED COPIES OF ORDERS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	11	16	12	10	13	22	7	11	15	13	14	7	151
1975	13	17	7	21	15	18	12	19	11	14	21	18	186
1976	11	26	12	8	11	16	12	9	6	9	13	4	137
1977	16	12	15	12	8	18	11	8	10	17	11	5	143

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	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	16	7	14	7	15	14	13	16	16	14	18	8	158
1975	16	14	16	23	16	15	17	10	12	19	7	18	183
1976	12	15	21	13	16	5	6	4	17	7	13	9	138
1977	9	12	7	8	8	8	0	4	10	15	14	10	105

LUMP SUMS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1974	476	524	541	673	552	611	690	467	577	473	470	696	6,750
1975	467	501	660	581	574	703	521	455	537	504	509	570	6,582
1976	377	437	547	382	430	495	417	552	493	498	632	636	5,896
1977	687	517	498	524	508	411	375	668	604	838	610	589	6,829

LUMP SUM AWARDS

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
	\$41,272,229	\$49,993,706	\$49,009,867.25	\$59,308,925.43

REIMBURSEMENTS

Public Welfare	N/A	\$952,136	\$826,178.70	\$767,664.70
Veterans Services	N/A	\$235,418	\$264,069.16	\$245,425.49
TOTAL		\$1,187,554	\$1,090,247.86	\$1,013,090.19

SECTION 36 CONFERENCES

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Scheduled	169	160	133	138	134	132	174	180	163	201	171	157	1912
Adjusted	96	82	68	68	69	62	79	105	92	138	84	84	1027
Postponed	53	64	45	48	58	50	69	56	58	54	68	59	682
Impartial Ordered	4	9	11	7	10	5	14	11	8	8	11	7	105
Appealed	16	6	8	14	5	5	12	8	10	6	3	5	98

1977 ASSIGNMENTS

LOCATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
BARNSTABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
FALL RIVER	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	1	1	9
FITCHBURG	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	8
GREENFIELD	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	4
HAVERHILL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
HOLYOKE	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
LAWRENCE	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	11
LOWELL	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	9
LYNN	-	2	1	2	2	-	1	1	-	2	1	1	13
MARLBORO	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	8
MILFORD	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
NEW BEDFORD	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	5
PITTSFIELD	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	10
PLYMOUTH	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	5
QUINCY	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
SPRINGFIELD	3	1	1	-	1	-	1	3	3	2	3	1	19
STOUGHTON	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	3	1	2	-	19
TAUNTON	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	7
WORCESTER (CLINTON)	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	25

KEY TO TABLES

A. CONFERENCES

ASSN	-	Number of cases scheduled
ORD	-	Orders issued under Chapter 152, Section 7 all types
ADJ	-	Insurer agreed to commence compensation or pay disputed bills
LSUM	-	Cases lump summed - redemption of liability by insurer
HRNG	-	The issues involved cannot be resolved at a conference
MED	-	Impartial examination ordered
INAC	-	The matter is not ripe for adjudication - return to file
PPD	-	Case postponed - at request of either party with agreement of other party
HOLD	-	Case held by Commissioner pending some action by the parties
WITH	-	One of the parties withdraws request

B. HEARINGS

HEARD	-	All testimony completed
CONT	-	Some testimony taken, more to come on another day

SUMMARY - 1977 CASELOAD ACTIVITY

CONFERENCES

	ASSN #	ORD #	ADJ #	LSUM #	HRNG #	MED #	INAC #	PPD #	HOLD #	WITH #	OTHER #
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
BOSTON	4747	1201 25.3	380 8.0	453 9.5	70 1.5	120 2.5	472 9.9	627 13.2	241 5.1	26 -	247 5.2
OUT OF TOWN	5373	1756 32.7	608 11.3	854 15.9	168 3.1	186 3.5	460 8.6	931 17.3	223 4.1	46 -	53 1.0
1977 TOTAL	10,120	2957 29.2	988 9.8	1307 12.9	238 2.3	306 3.0	932 9.2	1558 15.4	464 4.6	72 -	300 3.0
1976 TOTAL	10,022	3048 30.4	1100 11.0	1427 14.2	203 2.0	290 2.9	655 6.5	1569 15.6	555 5.5	122 1.2	104 1.0

HEARINGS

	ASSN #	HEARD #	CONT #	LSUM #	ADJ #	MED #	INAC #	PPD #	HOLD #	WITH #	OTHER #
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
BOSTON	3665	492 13.4	422 11.5	702 19.2	196 5.3	27 -	348 9.5	650 17.7	63 1.7	47 1.3	296 8.1
OUT OF TOWN	2339	277 11.8	195 8.3	654 27.9	194 8.2	21 -	223 9.5	616 26.3	46 1.9	48 2.0	29 1.2
1977 TOTAL	6004	769 12.8	617 10.3	1356 22.6	390 6.5	48 -	571 9.5	1266 21.1	109 1.8	95 1.6	325 5.4
1976 TOTAL	6009	682 11.3	734 12.2	1383 23.0	383 6.4	56 -	413 6.9	1398 23.3	372 6.2	82 1.4	106 1.8

1977 BOSTON HEARINGS

	ASSN	HEARD	CONT	LSUM	ADJ	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR	1225	184	116	273	66	5	132	125	16	31	75
%		15.0	9.5	22.3	5.4	-	10.8	10.2	1.3	2.5	6.1
2ND QTR	756	106	104	110	43	6	72	134	12	5	80
%		14.0	13.7	14.5	5.7	-	9.5	17.7	1.6	-	10.6
3RD QTR	884	87	101	169	53	9	87	209	11	4	75
%		9.8	11.4	19.1	6.0	1.0	9.8	23.6	1.2	-	8.5
4TH QTR	800	115	101	150	34	7	57	182	24	7	66
%		14.3	12.6	18.8	4.2	-	7.1	22.8	3.0	-	8.3
TOTAL	3665	492	422	702	196	27	348	650	63	47	296
%		13.4	11.5	19.2	5.3	-	9.5	17.7	1.7	1.3	8.1

1977 BOSTON CONFERENCES

	ASSN	ORD	ADJ	ISUM	HRNG	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR	568	178	28	49	9	20	52	104	45	6	28
%		31.3	4.9	8.6	1.6	3.5	9.2	18.3	7.9	1.0	4.9
2ND QTR	1244	355	133	146	22	41	118	160	63	11	58
%		28.5	10.7	11.7	1.8	3.3	9.5	12.9	5.1	-	4.7
3RD QTR	1831	387	106	144	24	40	189	232	85	3	98
%		21.1	5.7	7.9	1.3	2.2	10.3	12.7	4.6	-	5.3
4TH QTR	1104	281	113	114	15	19	113	131	48	6	63
%		25.4	10.2	10.3	1.4	1.7	10.2	11.9	4.3	-	5.7
TOTAL	4747	1201	380	453	70	120	472	627	241	26	247
%		25.3	8.0	9.5	1.5	2.5	9.9	13.2	5.1	-	5.2

1977 OUT OF TOWN HEARINGS

	ASSN	HEARD	CONT	ISUM	ADJ	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR	595	58	68	166	45	3	55	159	15	12	10
%		9.7	11.4	27.9	7.5	-	9.2	26.7	2.5	2.0	1.7
2ND QTR	484	61	44	139	32	3	49	113	5	16	2
%		12.6	9.1	28.7	6.6	-	10.1	23.2	1.0	3.3	-
3RD QTR	757	86	49	208	66	11	78	211	15	11	13
%		11.4	6.5	27.5	8.7	1.4	10.3	27.8	2.0	1.4	1.7
4TH QTR	503	72	34	141	51	4	41	133	11	9	4
%		14.3	6.8	28.0	10.1	-	8.1	26.4	2.2	1.8	-
TOTAL	2339	277	195	654	194	21	223	616	46	48	29
%		11.8	8.3	27.9	8.2	-	9.5	26.3	1.9	2.0	1.2

1977 OUT OF TOWN CONFERENCES

	ASSN	ORD	ADJ	ISUM	HRNG	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR	1462	469	155	208	39	44	142	261	73	11	14
%		32.1	10.6	14.2	2.7	3.0	9.7	17.8	4.9	-	1.0
2ND QTR	1171	408	141	196	46	35	90	172	43	12	6
%		34.8	12.0	16.7	3.9	3.0	7.7	14.7	3.7	1.0	-
3RD QTR	1220	389	142	182	39	40	110	221	57	8	10
%		31.9	11.6	14.9	3.2	3.3	9.0	18.1	4.7	-	-
4TH QTR	1520	490	170	268	44	67	118	277	50	15	23
%		32.2	11.1	17.6	2.9	4.4	7.8	18.2	3.3	1.0	1.5
TOTAL	5373	1756	608	854	168	186	460	931	223	46	53
%		32.7	11.3	15.9	3.1	3.5	8.6	17.3	4.1	-	1.0







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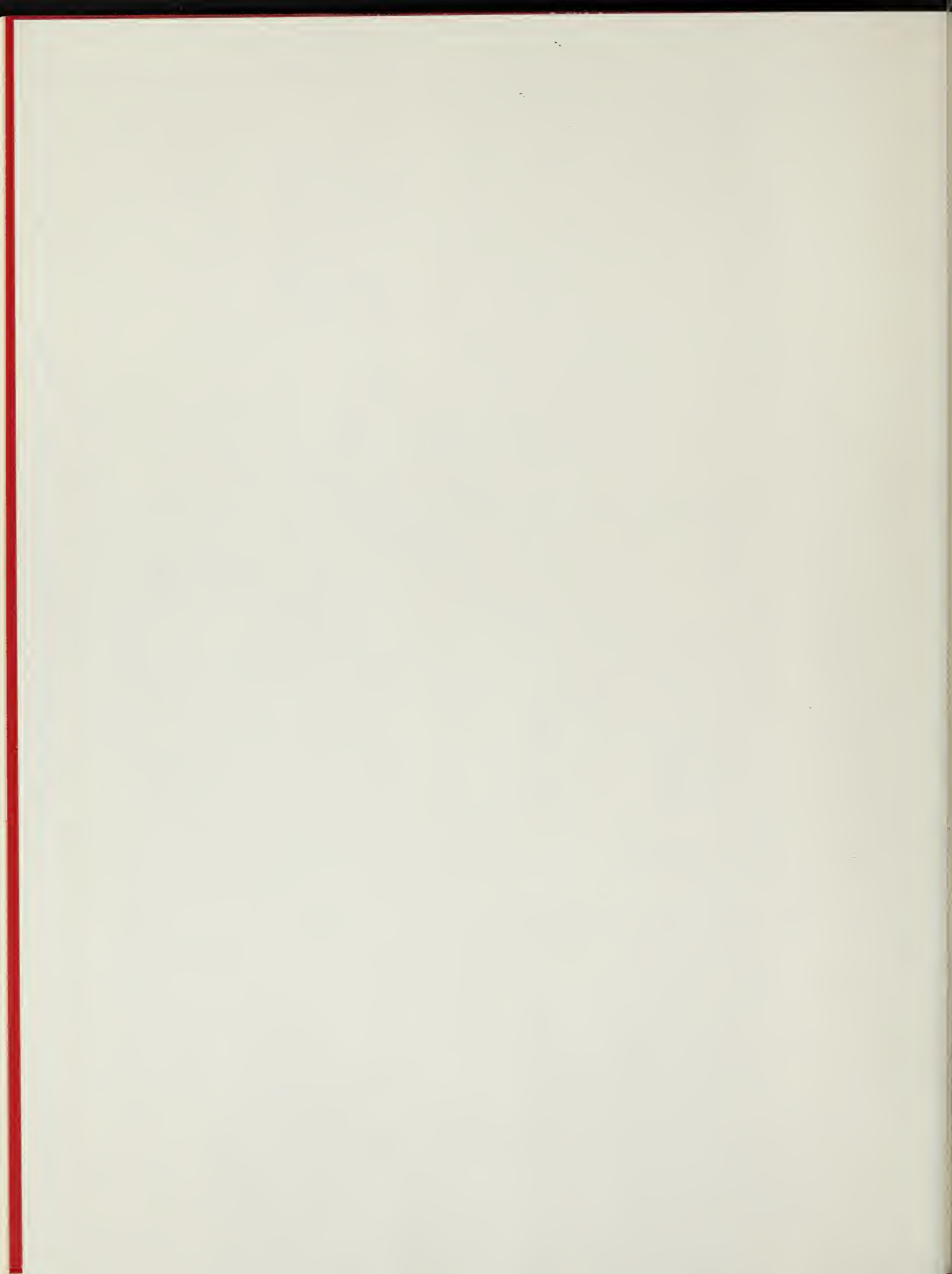


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Preface

The Division of Industrial Accidents is charged with the responsibility for the administration and enforcement of Chapter 152 of the General Laws. The statutory authority for the Division is Sections 14 to 24 of Chapter 23 of the General Laws. The Division is placed within the Executive Office of Manpower Affairs by Section 17 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws.

The Division is organized along functional lines to achieve optimum use of staff expertise and resources.

The Industrial Accident Board, an integral part of the Division, is composed of twelve permanent members appointed for twelve year terms. One member is designated by the Governor as Chairman and serves co-terminous with the Governor.

The primary functions of the Division are to enforce the coverage provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws by ensuring that all employers of one or more persons have a contract of insurance or meet the statutory requirements for self-insurance; to keep records of injuries reported under the statute; to approve agreements regarding compensation; and to adjudicate disputed claims arising from the provisions of Chapter 152.

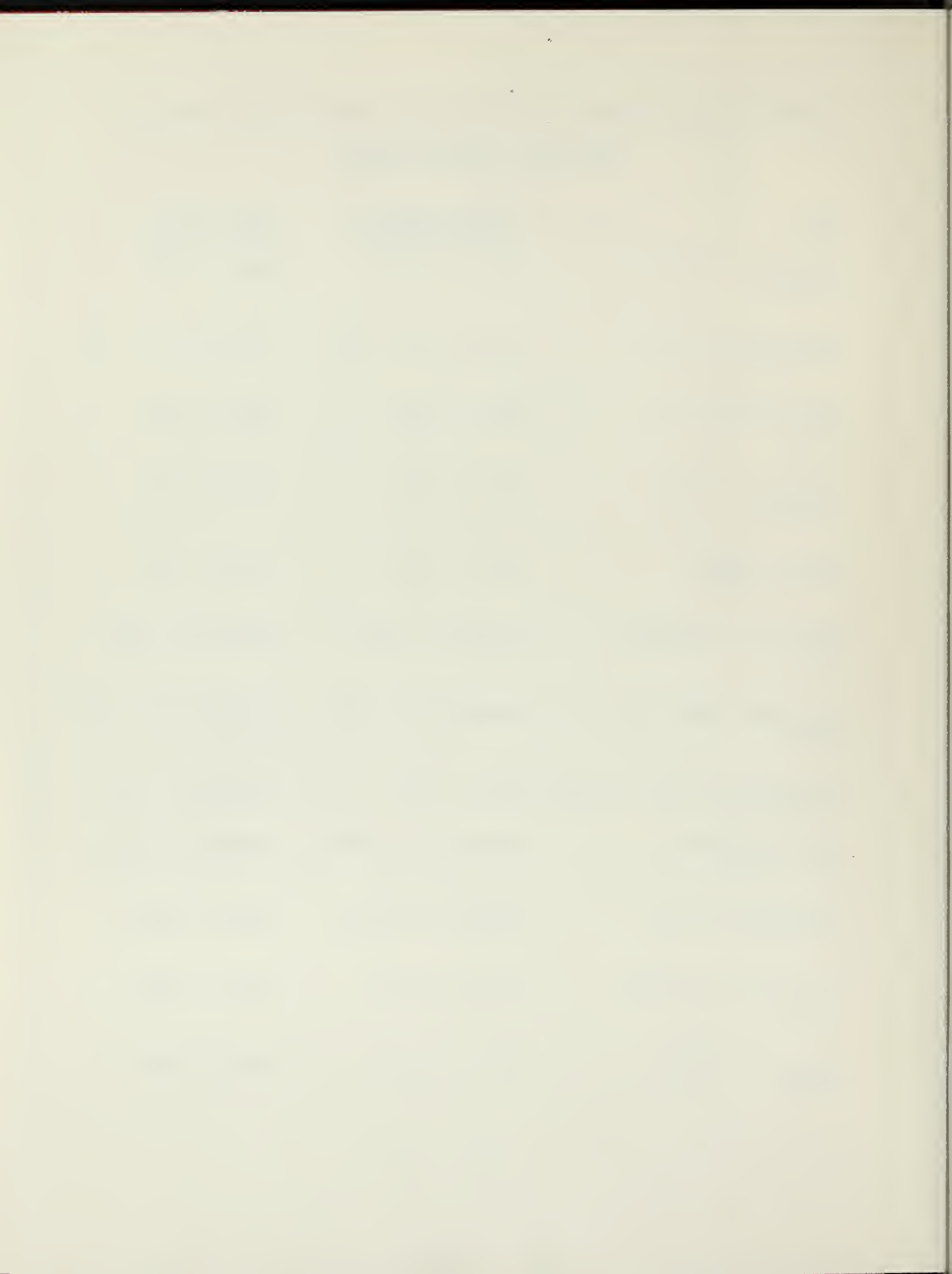
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MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD AND PRINICPAL PERSONNEL

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Original Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dorothy A. Antonelli Belmont	July 14, 1966	May 31, 1983
Wallace B. Crawford Pittsfield	February 16, 1966	September 21, 1985
Harry Demeter, Jr. Dover	June 9, 1955	June 3, 1989
George N. Keches Duxbury	June 30, 1978	July 5, 1984
John G. Martin Southborough	May 29, 1975	May 25, 1987
William A. McCarthy Newton	August 23, 1978	August 23, 1990
Salvatore Musco, Jr. Boston	December 31, 1974	September 21, 1986
William A. Pickett, Chairman Somerville	June 1, 1979	February 1, 1991
Ralph A. Roberts Fall River	September 27, 1978	January 31, 1982
Raymond M. Trudel Stoughton	October 16, 1968	June 26, 1980
Nicholas J. Vergados Lowell	July 31, 1976	July 29, 1988
Edward S. Zelazo Adams	July 23, 1969	June 26, 1981



PRINCIPAL DIVISION PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
John J. Maloney	Secretary of the Board
Richard W. Lundregan	Director, Office of Self-Insurance
Joseph J. Granfield	Assistant Secretary
Francis J. Joyce	Assistant Secretary
Charles F. Murphy	Counsel
Albert Horrigan	Supervisor, Workmen's Compensation Agents



COMMENTARY

The Division's first priority for Fiscal Year 1981 is to reduce the caseload as it relates to both conferences and hearings, enabling injured workers to receive payments on a more timely basis.

The Division has been making progress in its attempt to shorten the time parties to a controversy must wait before the controversy is fully adjudicated, and there is an improvement in the administrative processing time to facilitate the ability to adjudicate cases.

In order to more effectively handle the out-of-town caseload, the Division has made several scheduling changes such as assigning the Commissioners to the hearing sites nearest to their homes, thus reducing the use of fuel and controlling travel expenses.

One of the top priorities of this Division is the institution of an automated case management system. Such a system, when operating at full capacity, is expected to process both active and inactive files enabling the Division to assign and follow-up on cases more rapidly.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

First Reports of Injury

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
State Employees	10,156	11,513	11,511	12,666
Self-Insurers	21,276	17,674	25,098	26,750
All Others	<u>187,017</u>	<u>206,041</u>	<u>205,860</u>	<u>209,988</u>
Total	218,237	235,128	242,469	249,404

Fatal Cases

1975	517
1976	437
1977	441
1978	374
1979	375

Approved Agreements

1975	25,272
1976	35,149
1977	35,956
1978	34,975
1979	38,767



IMPARTIAL EXAMINATIONS

1975	808
1976	1,321
1977	1,390
1978	1,489
1979	1,400

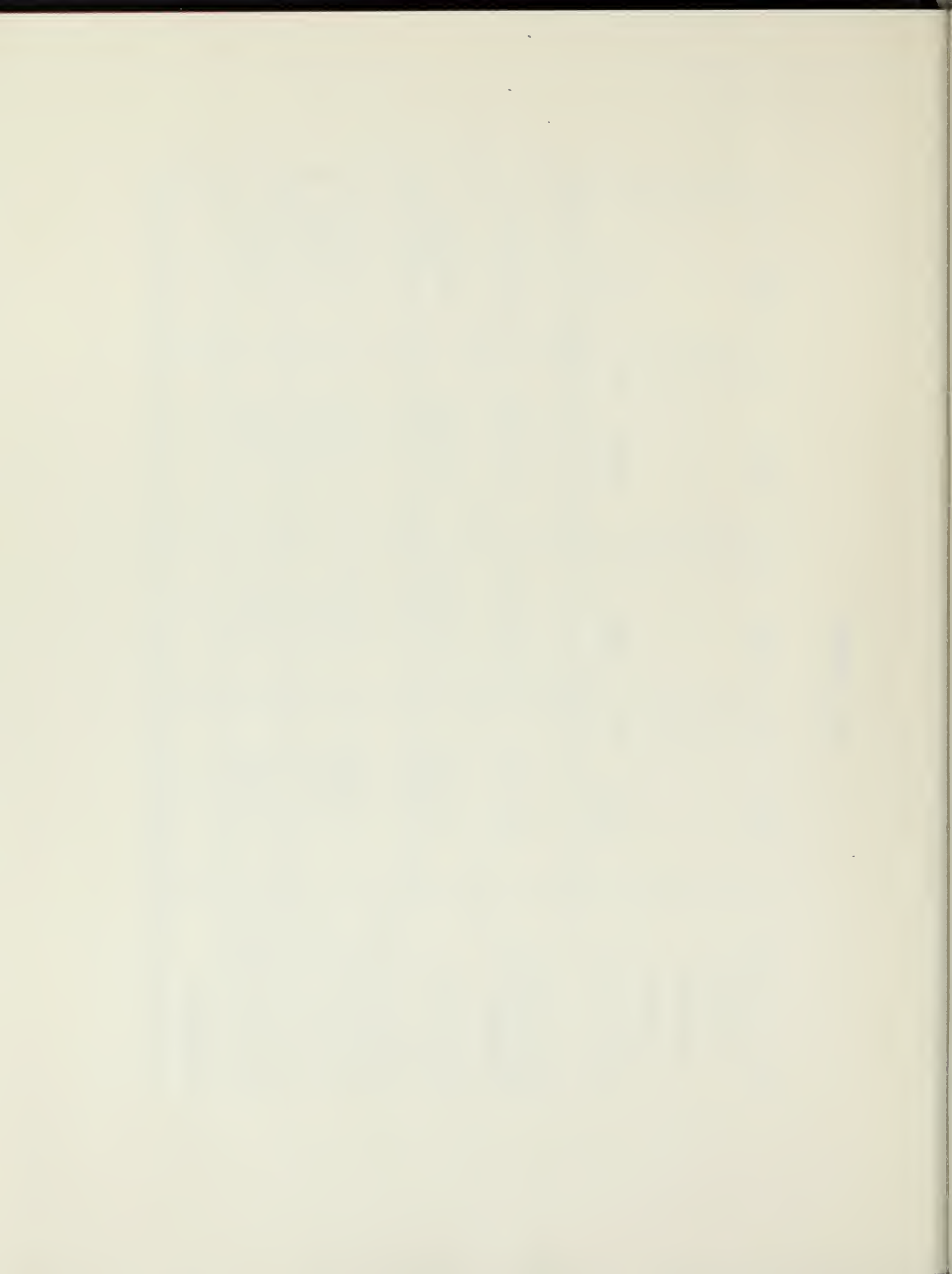
MANPOWER STATUS

Authorized 1/1/76	193	Authorized 1/1/77	193
Filled 1/1/76	144	Filled 1/1/77	133
Filled 12/31/76	133	Filled 12/31/77	127
Authorized 1/1/78	193	Authorized 1/1/79	193
Filled 1/1/78	138	Filled 1/1/79	134
Filled 12/31/78	140	Filled 12/31/79	136



SELF-INSURANCE

No. Self-Insurers	<u>7/1/75</u>	<u>7/1/76</u>	<u>7/1/77</u>	<u>7/1/78</u>	<u>202</u>
Applicants	209	216	209	202	48
Approvals	33	20	12		
Removals	27	10	9		27
	20	17	16		20
No Self-Insurers	216	209	202	209	
	<u>6/30/76</u>	<u>6/30/77</u>	<u>6/30/78</u>	<u>6/30/79</u>	
Ending Balance					
Cash & Securities	\$42,910,000	\$54,885,000	\$67,970,000	\$98,760,000	
On Deposit					
Change From					
Previous Period	\$7,635,000	\$11,975,000	\$13,085,000	\$30,790,000	
%	21.6	27.9	23.8	45.3	
Assessment for Cost					
of Administration	\$193,800	\$190,900	\$193,700	\$203,974	
Rate/000 on Deposit	\$4.5165	\$3.478	\$2.8502	\$2.06535	
Departmental Budget	\$70,500	\$68,800	\$70,925	\$68,933	
# Employees	6	5	5	7	



CASELOAD

ACTIVITY



CASELOAD ACTIVITY

REQUESTS FOR CONFERENCE

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	1323	939	1126	1179	925	919	1093	849	856	899	846	543	11,496
1976	832	759	991	832	1164	944	907	1056	986	1137	835	878	11,321
1977	795	737	1130	876	1113	1237	871	1127	984	944	901	762	11,471
1978	773	678	1046	1000	958	896	619	791	986	1226	1164	1004	11,141
1979	1221	841	895	902	921	902	1212	1558	860	1174	688	558	11,732

CASES COMPLETED

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	1181	1037	1171	1292	1296	1251	1086	885	1047	1196	851	926	13,219
1976	709	979	1107	899	922	793	832	1017	1013	1005	1390	878	11,594
1977	1153	913	874	929	864	803	691	1269	1034	1474	1053	740	11,797
1978	1272	651	917	838	1079	886	913	962	830	1003	890	1141	11,382
1979	1136	1020	1160	1369	1199	1227	1072	1297	1234	1222	1226	1055	14,217
					<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>				
Pending Cases - January 1					11,880	10,158	9,885	9,565	9,390				
Pending Cases - December 31					<u>10,158</u>	<u>9,885</u>	<u>9,565</u>	<u>9,324</u>	<u>9,036</u>				
Net Reduction					1,722	273	320	241	354				



CASES HEARD AND CONTINUED

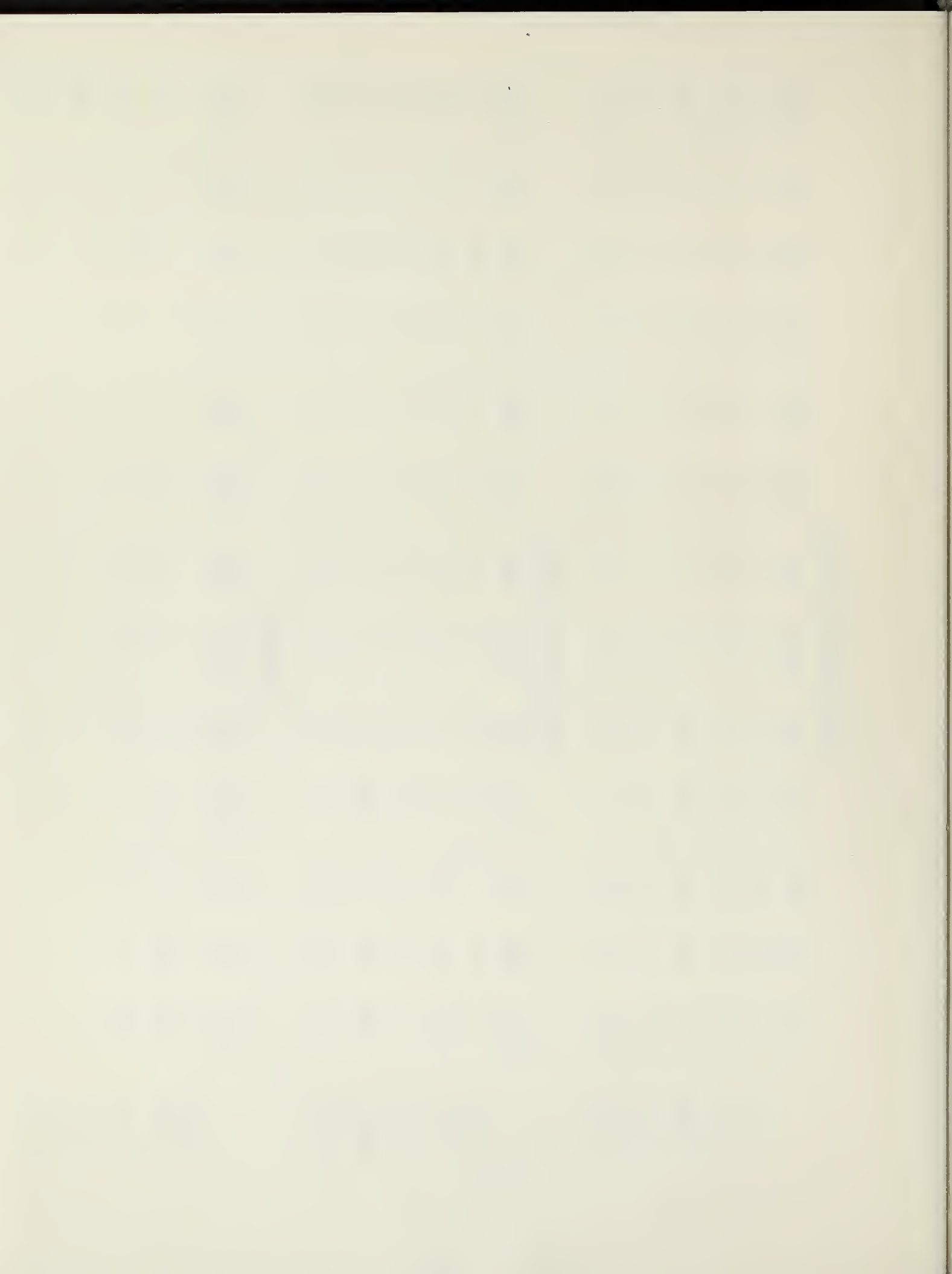
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1975	84	123	120	120	113	91	112	80	95	112	94	68	1,212
1976	112	81	101	104	105	86	48	55	132	78	66	74	1,042
1977	79	91	118	66	93	46	71	76	82	70	71	46	909
1978	73	29	101	78	93	71	57	56	54	80	65	31	788
1979	110	66	104	71	108	101	56	184	74	93	65	56	1,088

CASES HEARD AND FINISHED

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	54	67	51	65	76	72	61	42	70	73	65	75	771
1976	64	55	72	76	56	52	42	37	53	55	28	50	640
1977	72	54	67	50	64	28	42	49	37	50	51	24	588
1978	46	24	68	35	52	53	20	42	20	41	36	37	474
1979	43	30	40	53	60	51	29	36	77	95	75	63	652

DISMISSALS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	6	3	3	7	1	1	3	1	2	5	4	3	39
1976	6	10	6	11	7	3	11	20	4	1	4	7	90
1977	10	6	3	3	1	8	11	18	14	13	11	2	100
1978	1	2	2	3	-	5	5	1	2	-	-	1	22
1979	-	5	4	5	6	-	1	3	-	3	-	1	28



DECISIONS

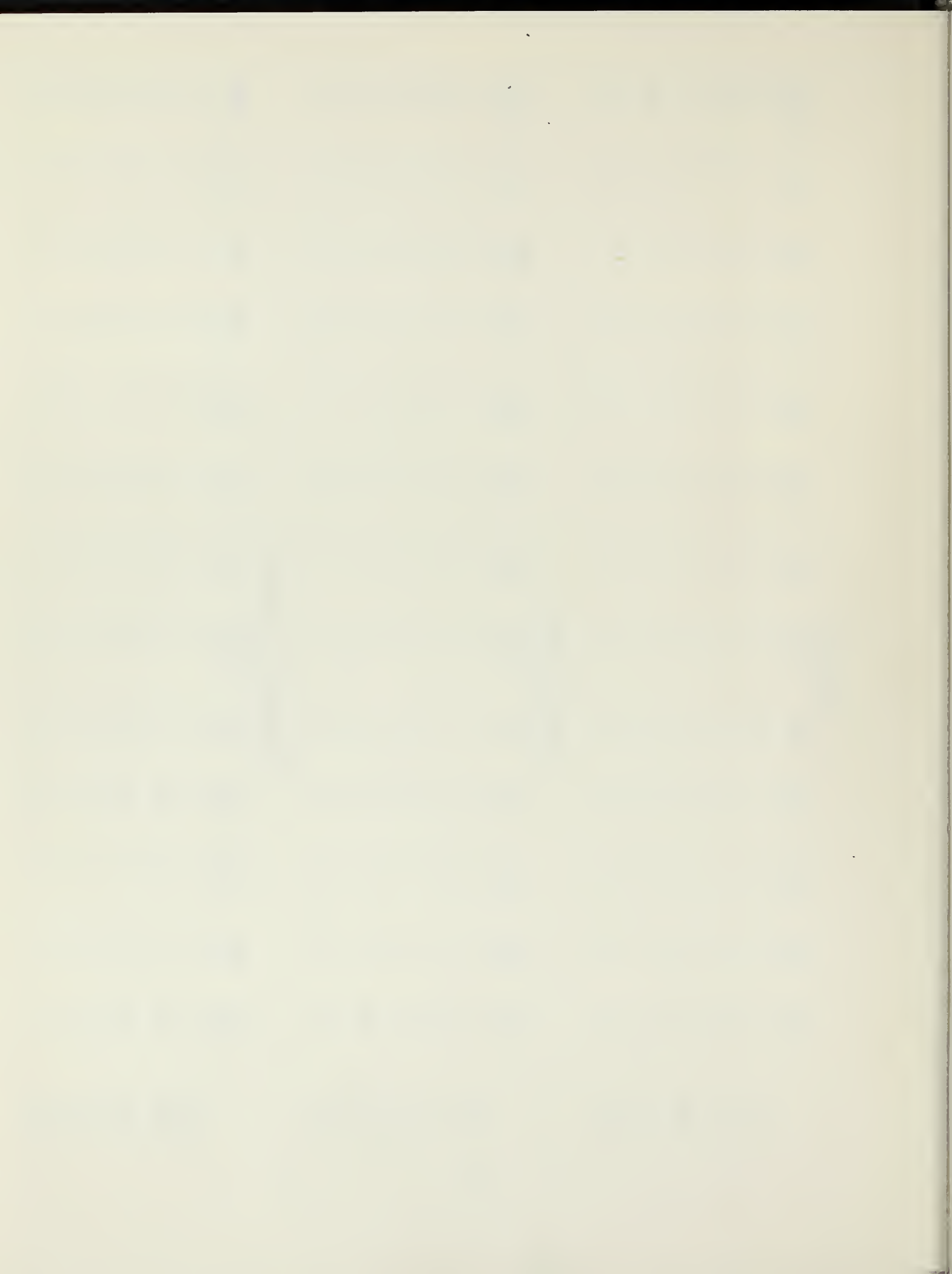
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1975	73	40	42	57	81	62	89	88	108	79	42	69	828
1976	58	56	76	57	47	47	56	69	65	53	67	33	684
1977	40	60	73	57	22	30	20	50	31	55	61	34	533
1978	26	79	79	53	40	38	17	49	29	21	39	54	523
1979	56	44	38	53	49	34	66	38	41	40	61	44	564

CLAIMS FOR REVIEW

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	46	25	27	24	37	29	41	73	52	50	44	49	497
1976	28	50	45	43	30	24	35	57	34	40	55	18	457
1977	22	38	29	52	28	21	23	52	14	35	46	26	386
1978	27	30	41	72	27	27	20	30	10	23	16	21	353
1979	27	37	28	18	41	42	21	28	34	14	17	34	341

REVIEWING BOARD DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	21	25	17	27	32	32	25	18	34	30	41	17	319
1976	27	23	23	28	30	23	18	16	30	15	21	13	267
1977	20	23	5	15	20	35	11	28	29	33	23	10	252
1978	15	17	17	20	30	48	20	20	-	17	22	19	238
1979	14	11	19	12	19	22	22	25	23	17	22	23	229



SECTION 36 DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	7	2	9	3	4	5	5	5	4	2	1	0	47
1976	5	4	6	4	4	6	2	5	4	7	7	1	55
1977	0	5	5	4	2	5	5	9	2	13	8	3	61
1978	6	10	6	2	8	1	-	2	1	4	10	2	52
1979	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	2	1	2	27

ORDERS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	340	359	266	452	426	469	438	280	327	489	360	321	4,527
1976	347	298	312	215	334	303	319	336	430	221	456	389	3,960
1977	331	321	332	343	358	312	265	525	416	278	425	245	4,151
1978	158	284	491	282	273	379	195	596	339	566	504	420	4,487
1979	556	458	513	503	561	513	452	598	705	535	612	482	6,488

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1975	13	17	7	21	15	18	12	19	11	14	21	18	186
1976	11	26	12	8	11	16	12	9	6	9	13	4	137
1977	16	12	15	12	8	18	11	8	10	17	11	5	143
1978	9	4	14	16	15	18	7	22	17	21	24	23	190
1979	8	21	24	33	5	22	17	12	17	26	27	9	221



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1975	16	14	16	23	16	15	17	10	12	19	7	18	183
1976	12	15	21	13	16	5	6	4	17	7	13	9	138
1977	9	12	7	8	8	8	0	4	10	15	14	10	105
1978	12	8	3	11	5	27	15	16	2	5	4	12	120
1979	7	6	7	9	10	10	5	19	7	8	6	4	98

JUMP SUMS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1975	467	501	660	581	574	703	521	455	537	504	509	570	6,582
1976	377	437	547	382	430	495	417	552	493	498	632	636	5,896
1977	687	517	498	524	508	411	375	668	604	838	610	589	6,829
1978	589	375	466	527	593	503	532	429	468	727	588	679	6,880
1979	565	541	540	660	450	562	581	535	556	715	605	570	6,880

JUMP SUM AWARDS

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
	\$49,993,706	\$49,009,867	\$59,308,925	\$60,821,665	\$73,515,218

REIMBURSEMENTS

Public Welfare	\$952,136	\$826,178	\$767,665	\$660,940	\$642,862
Veterans Services	<u>\$235,418</u>	<u>\$264,069</u>	<u>\$245,425</u>	<u>\$228,706</u>	<u>\$189,106</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$1,187,554	\$1,090,247	\$1,013,090	\$889,646	\$821,968



SECTION 36 CONFERENCES

	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>ADJUSTED</u>	<u>POSTPONED</u>	<u>IMPARTIAL</u>	<u>APPEALED</u>	<u>OFF LIST</u>
1977	#	1912	682	105	98	-
	%	54	36	5	5	-
1978	#	2759	711	121	98	313
	%	55	26	4	4	11
1979	#	2619	687	87	84	297
	%	56	26	3	3	11

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SECTION 15 DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1978	4	7	4	2	14	4	7	18	8	3	3	6	80
1979	10	6	5	5	8	12	4	6	7	7	19	11	100



1979 ASSIGNMENTS

LOCATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
AYER	1	1	1	1	3	2	-	2	1	4	2	1	19
BARNSTABLE	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
BROCKTON	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	2	1	2	2	1	13
CLINTON	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	21
FALL RIVER	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	1		11
FITCHBURG	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	6
GREENFIELD	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
HAVERHILL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
HOLYOKE	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
LAWRENCE	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	6
LOWELL	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	3
LYNN	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	10
MARLBORO	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	5
MILFORD	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
NEW BEDFORD	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	10
PITTSFIELD	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	11
PLYMOUTH	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
QUINCY	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			11
SPRINGFIELD	2	1	-	3	-	1	2	-	1	3	3	2	18
TAUNTON	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	8
WRENTHAM	2	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	7



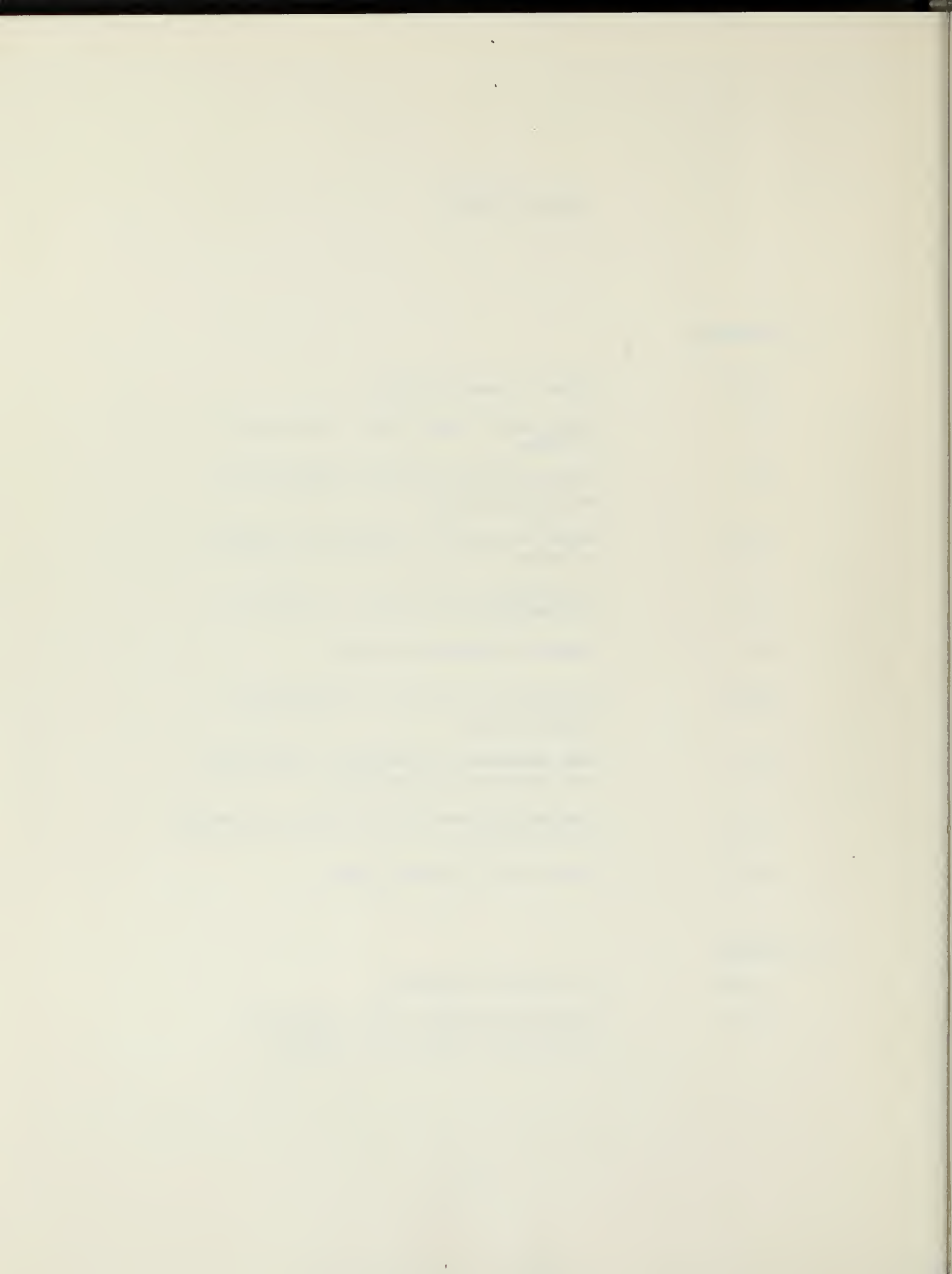
KEY TO TABLES

A. CONFERENCES

ASSN	- Number of cases scheduled
ORD	- Orders issued under Chapter 152, Section 7 All Types
ADJ	- Insurer agreed to commence compensation or pay disputed bills
LSUM	- Cases lump summed - redemption of liability by insurer
HRNG	- The issues involved cannot be resolved at a conference
MED	- Impartial examination ordered
INAC	- The matter is not ripe for adjudication - return to file
PPD	- Case postponed - at request of either party with agreement of other party
HOLD	- Case held by Commissioner pending some action by the parties
WITH	- Moving party withdraws request

B. HEARINGS

HEARD	- All testimony completed
CONT	- Some testimony taken, more to come on another day or depositions ordered



SUMMARY 1979 - CASELOAD ACTIVITY

CONFERENCES

	ASSN #	ORD #	ADJ #	ISUM #	HRNG #	MEDI #	INAC #	PPD #	HOLD #	WITH #	OTHER #
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
BOSTON	9894	1777 18	847 8	3575 36	162 2	230 2	881 9	897 9	575 6	75 1	830 8
OUT OF TOWN	6284	1718 27	830 13	1274 21	114 2	262 4	656 10	929 15	356 6	52 1	156 2
1979 TOTAL	16178	3495 22	1677 10	4849 30	276 2	492 3	1517 9	1725 11	931 6	127 1	986 6
1978 TOTAL	10904	3039 28	1285 12	1665 15	248 2	300 3	1020 9	1679 15	734 7	68 -	669 6

HEARINGS

	ASSN #	HEARD #	CONT #	ISUM #	ADJ #	MEDI #	INAC #	PPD #	HOLD #	WITH #	OTHER #
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
BOSTON	3879	465 12	676 17	614 16	208 5	32 1	252 6	836 22	115 3	88 2	506 13
OUT OF TOWN	2692	336 12	295 11	610 23	239 9	29 1	246 10	717 27	58 2	49 2	93 3
1979 TOTAL	6571	801 12	971 15	1224 19	447 7	61 1	516 8	1553 24	173 3	137 2	599 9
1978 TOTAL	4760	644 14	603 13	884 19	297 6	25 -	385 8	1277 27	86 2	98 2	433 9



1979 OUT OF TOWN CONFERENCES

	ASSN	ORD	ADJ	LSUM	HRNG	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR %	1636	435 26	209 13	303 18	31 2	60 4	192 12	285 17	89 5	13 1	30 2
2ND QTR %	1518	365 24	192 13	334 22	27 2	60 4	176 16	216 14	90 6	12 1	45 3
3RD QTR %	1580	446 28	193 12	298 19	38 2	94 6	152 10	253 16	100 6	12 1	48 3
4TH QTR %	1550	472 30	236 15	339 22	18 1	48 3	136 9	175 11	77 5	15 1	33 2
TOTAL %	6284	1718 27	830 13	1274 20	114 2	262 4	656 10	929 15	356 6	52 1	156 2



1979 BOSTON CONFERENCES

	ASSN	ORD	ADJ	ISUM	HING	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR 8	2516	393 16	181 7	790 31	101 4	55 2	224 9	324 13	139 5	17 1	173 7
2ND QTR 8	2133	387 18	159 7	958 45	27 1	66 3	185 9	155 7	124 6	16 1	182 8
3RD QTR 8	2413	502 21	233 10	788 33	21 1	47 2	257 11	169 7	118 5	19 1	166 7
4TH QTR 8	2832	495 17	274 10	1039 37	13	62 2	195 7	249 9	194 7	23 1	306 11
TOTAL 8	9894	1777 18	847 8	3575 36	162 2	230 2	861 9	897 9	575 6	75 1	830 8



1979 OUT OF TOWN HEARINGS

	ASSN	HEARD	CONT	LSUM	ADJ	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR %	730	66 9	75 10	160 22	71 10	4	71 10	224 31	15 2	15 2	24 3
2ND QTR %	740	106 14	85 11	168 23	53 7	12 2	71 9	196 26	20 3	10 1	19 2
3RD QTR %	631	64 10	82 13	142 22	62 10	9 1	66 10	146 23	13 2	18 3	27 4
4TH QTR %	591	100 17	53 9	140 24	53 9	4	56 9	151 25	11 2	6 1	17 3
TOTAL %	2692	336 12	295 11	610 23	239 9	29 1	264 10	717 27	58 2	49 2	93 3



1979 BOSTON HEARINGS

	ASSN	HEARD	CONT	LSUM	ADJ	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR	1011	114	191	123	42	5	62	247	23	18	108
%		11	19	12	4		6	24	2	2	11
2ND QTR	1075	127	183	183	55	9	65	201	29	26	125
%		12	17	17	5	1	6	19	3	2	12
3RD QTR	793	91	138	144	58	12	66	156	25	20	111
%		11	17	18	7	1	8	20	3	2	14
4TH QTR	1000	133	164	164	53	6	59	232	33	24	122
%		13	16	16	5	1	6	23	3	2	12
TOTAL	3879	465	676	614	208	32	252	836	115	88	506
%		12	17	16	5	1	6	22	3	2	13





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Preface

The Division of Industrial Accidents exists pursuant to Chapter 23, Sections 14 through 24 inclusive, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. It is a division within the Department of Labor and Industries but is not under its control or supervision.

The Division of Industrial Accidents is within the Executive Office of Manpower Affairs, in conformance with Chapter 6A, Section 17 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Division is organized along functional lines to achieve optimum use of staff expertise and resources.

There is an Industrial Accident Board within the Division. The Board is an integral element of the Division. Twelve permanent members, at least one of whom shall be a woman, appointed by His Excellency the Governor for twelve year terms, constitute said board.

The Governor designates one member as Chairman of the Board and the designee serves as Chairman during the term of said Governor unless the term as member expires sooner.

The primary functions of the Division are: to enforce the coverage provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws by ensuring that all employers of one or more persons have a contract of insurance or meet the statutory requirements for self-insurance; to keep records of injuries reported under the statute; to approve agreements regarding compensation and to adjudicate disputed claims arising from the provisions of Chapter 152.

There is also the Office of Self Insurance and an Industrial Accident Rehabilitation Board within the Agency.

This Annual Report of the Division of Industrial Accidents is published under the authority provided in Chapter 152, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended.

MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD AND PRINCIPAL PERSONNEL

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Original Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dorothy A. Antonelli Belmont	July 14, 1966	May 31, 1983
Wallace B. Crawford Pittsfield	February 16, 1966	September 21, 1985
Harry Demeter, Jr. Dover	June 9, 1955	June 3, 1989
George N. Keches Duxbury	June 30, 1978	July 5, 1984
John G. Martin Southborough	May 29, 1975	May 25, 1987
William A. McCarthy Newton	August 23, 1978	August 23, 1990
John H. McKinnon Dorchester	December 16, 1980	June 26, 1992
Salvatore Musco, Jr. Boston	December 31, 1974	September 21, 1986
William A. Pickett, Chairman Somerville	June 1, 1979	February 1, 1991
Ralph A. Roberts Fall River	September 27, 1978	January 31, 1982
Nicholas J. Vergados Lowell	July 31, 1976	July 29, 1988
Edward S. Zelazo Adams	July 23, 1969	June 26, 1981

PRINCIPAL DIVISION PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
John J. Maloney	Secretary of the Board
Francis J. Joyce	Assistant Secretary
Albert Horrigan	Assistant Secretary
Richard W. Lundregan	Director, Office of Self-Insurance
Edward F. Galotti	Executive Assistant
Patrick Mullens	Counsel
Mary O'Gorham	Supervisor, Workmen's Compensation Agents
Elizabeth Armstrong	Asst. Supervisor, Workmen's Compensation Agents

COMMENTARY

The Division's first priority for Fiscal Year 1982 is to reduce the caseload as it relates to both conferences and hearings, enabling injured workers to receive payments on a more timely basis.

The Division has been making progress in its attempt to shorten the time parties to a controversy must wait before the controversy is fully adjudicated, and there is an improvement in the administrative processing time to facilitate the ability to adjudicate cases.

In order to more effectively handle the out-of-town caseload, the Division has made several scheduling changes such as assigning the Commissioners to the hearing sites nearest to their homes, thus reducing the use of fuel and controlling travel expenses.

One of the top priorities of this Division is the institution of an automated case management system. Such a system, when operating at full capacity, is expected to process both active and inactive files enabling the Division to assign and follow-up cases more rapidly.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

First Reports of Injury

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
State Employees	11,513	11,511	12,666	12,698
Self-Insurers	17,674	25,098	26,750	26,137
All Others	<u>206,041</u>	<u>205,860</u>	<u>209,988</u>	<u>195,637</u>
Total	235,128	242,469	249,404	234,472

Fatal Cases

1976	437
1977	441
1978	374
1979	375
1980	257

Approved Agreements

1976	35,149
1977	35,956
1978	34,975
1979	38,767
1980	34,553

IMPARTIAL EXAMINATIONS

1976	1,321
1977	1,390
1978	1,489
1979	1,400
1980	767

MANPOWER STATUS

Authorized 1/1/77	193	Authorized 1/1/78	193
Filled 1/1/77	133	Filled 1/1/78	138
Filled 12/31/77	127	Filled 12/31/78	140
Authorized 1/1/79	193	Authorized 1/1/80	193
Filled 1/1/79	134	Filled 1/1/80	140
Filled 12/31/79	136	Filled 1/1/80	136

SELF-INSURANCE

No. Self-Insurers	7/1/76	216	7/1/77	209	7/1/78	202	7/1/79	209
Applicants		20		12		48		20
Approvals		10		9		7		13
Removals		17		16		20		26
No. Self Insurers	6/30/77	209	6/30/78	202	6/30/79	209	6/30/80	196
Ending Balance Cash & Securities On Deposit	\$54,885,000		\$67,970,000		\$98,760,000		\$95,677,000	
Change From Previous Period %	\$11,975,000 27.9		\$13,085,000 23.8		\$30,790,000 45.3		\$3,083,000 3.12	
Assessment for Cost of Administration	\$190,900		\$193,700		\$203,974		\$240,624	
Rate/000 on Deposit	\$3.478		\$2.8502		\$2.06535		\$2.5149	
Departmental Budget	\$68,800		\$70,925		\$68,933		\$70,924	
# Employees	5		5		7		5	

CASELOAD

ACTIVITY

CASELOAD ACTIVITY

REQUESTS FOR CONFERENCE

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	832	759	991	832	1164	944	907	1056	986	1137	835	878	11,321
1977	795	737	1130	876	1113	1237	871	1127	984	944	901	762	11,471
1978	773	678	1046	1000	958	896	619	791	986	1226	1164	1004	11,141
1979	1221	841	895	902	921	902	1212	1558	860	1174	688	558	11,732
1980	970	841	669	1000	1125	368	1109	1213	930	1080	1069	820	11,194

CASES COMPLETED

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	709	979	1107	899	922	793	832	1017	1013	1005	1390	878	11,594
1977	1153	913	874	929	864	803	691	1269	1034	1474	1053	740	11,797
1978	1272	651	917	383	1079	886	913	962	830	1003	890	1141	11,382
1979	1136	1020	1160	1369	1199	1227	1072	1297	1234	1222	1226	1055	14,217
1980	1210	1020	1022	1200	1191	1253	1052	1002	1209	1095	1156	1133	13,543

1976

1977

1978

1979

1980

Pending Cases - January 1

9,390

Pending Cases - December 31

9,036

Net Reduction

354

426

CASES HEARD AND CONTINUED

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	112	81	101	104	105	86	48	55	132	78	66	74	1,042
1977	79	91	118	66	93	46	71	76	82	70	71	46	909
1978	73	29	101	78	93	71	57	56	54	80	65	31	788
1979	110	66	104	71	108	101	56	184	74	93	65	56	1,088
1980	93	67	92	109	89	96	89	87	75	114	78	79	1,068

CASES HEARD AND FINISHED

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	64	55	72	76	56	52	42	37	53	55	28	50	540
1977	72	54	67	50	64	28	42	49	37	50	51	24	588
1978	46	24	68	35	52	53	20	42	20	41	36	37	474
1979	43	30	40	53	60	51	29	36	77	95	75	63	652
1980	80	70	68	119	81	90	49	82	85	93	70	85	972

DISMISSALS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	6	10	6	11	7	3	11	20	4	1	4	7	90
1977	10	6	3	3	1	8	11	18	14	13	11	2	100
1978	1	2	2	3	-	5	5	1	2	-	-	1	22
1979	-	5	4	5	6	-	1	3	-	3	-	1	28
1980	3	1	1	1	3	1	6	3	-	2	14	19	54

DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	58	56	76	57	47	47	56	69	65	53	67	33	684
1977	40	60	73	57	22	30	20	50	31	55	61	34	583
1978	26	79	79	53	40	38	17	49	29	21	39	54	523
1979	56	44	38	53	59	34	66	38	41	40	61	44	564
1980	55	59	62	51	56	52	55	36	29	46	54	67	622

CLAIMS FOR REVIEW

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	28	50	45	43	30	24	35	57	34	40	55	18	457
1977	22	38	29	52	28	21	23	52	14	35	46	26	386
1978	27	30	41	72	27	27	20	30	10	23	16	21	353
1979	27	37	28	18	41	42	21	28	34	14	17	34	341
1980	40	49	46	47	38	40	38	38	27	28	40	54	485

REVIEWING BOARD DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	27	23	23	28	30	23	18	16	30	15	21	13	267
1977	20	23	5	15	20	35	11	28	29	33	23	10	252
1978	15	17	17	20	30	48	20	20	-	17	22	19	238
1979	14	11	19	12	19	22	22	25	23	17	22	23	229
1980	10	18	21	12	25	12	21	22	19	23	24	23	230

SECTION 36 DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	5	4	6	4	4	6	2	5	4	7	7	1	55
1977	0	5	5	4	2	5	5	9	2	13	8	3	61
1978	6	10	6	2	8	1	-	2	1	4	10	2	52
1979	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	2	1	2	27
1980	3	1	1	1	3	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	16

ORDERS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	347	298	312	215	344	303	319	336	430	221	456	389	3,960
1977	331	321	332	343	358	312	265	525	416	278	425	245	4,151
1978	158	284	491	282	273	379	195	596	339	566	504	420	4,487
1979	556	458	513	503	561	513	452	598	705	535	612	482	6,488
1980	702	759	627	593	517	546	631	402	512	477	684	569	7,019

CERTIFIED COPIES OF ORDERS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	11	26	11	8	11	16	12	9	6	9	13	4	137
1977	16	12	15	12	8	18	11	8	10	17	11	5	143
1978	9	4	14	16	15	18	7	22	17	21	24	23	190
1979	8	21	24	33	5	22	17	12	17	26	27	9	221
1980	20	13	12	-	29	18	22	28	7	7	5	17	178

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1976	12	15	21	13	16	5	6	4	17	7	13	9	138
1977	9	12	7	8	8	8	0	4	10	15	14	10	105
1978	12	8	3	11	5	27	15	16	2	5	4	12	120
1979	7	6	7	9	10	10	5	19	7	8	6	4	98
1980	12	6	8	10	10	6	16	9	9	13	4	4	107

LUMP SUMS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1976	377	437	547	382	430	495	417	552	493	498	632	636	5,896
1977	687	517	498	524	508	411	375	668	604	838	610	589	6,829
1978	589	375	466	527	593	503	532	429	468	727	588	679	6,880
1979	565	541	540	660	450	562	581	535	556	715	605	570	6,880
1980	657	585	710	663	665	852	591	615	774	553	570	736	7,971

LUMP SUM AWARDS

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>
	\$49,009,867	\$59,308,925	\$60,821,665	\$73,515,218	\$95,400,184

REIMBURSEMENTS

Public Welfare	\$826,178	\$767,665	\$660,940	\$642,862	\$726,543
Veterans Services	\$264,069	\$245,425	\$228,706	\$189,106	\$234,033
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$1,090,247	\$1,013,090	\$889,646	\$821,968	\$960,576

SECTION 36 CONFERENCES

	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>ADJUSTED</u>	<u>POSTPONED</u>	<u>IMPARTIAL</u>	<u>APPEALED</u>	<u>OFF LIST</u>
1978 #	2759	1516	711	121	98	313
%	55		26	4	4	11
1979 #	2619	1464	687	87	84	297
%	56		26	3	3	11
1980 #	2281	1326	465	65	33	392
%	58		20	2	1	17

SECTION 15 DECISIONS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1979	10	6	5	5	8	12	4	6	7	7	19	11	100
1980	3	20	8	11	9	13	16	6	9	9	8	14	126

1980 ASSIGNMENTS

LOCATION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
AYER	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	-	6
BARNSTABLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
BROCKTON	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	24
CLINTON	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	28
FALL RIVER	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
FITCHBURG	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	6
GREENFIELD	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
HAVERHILL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
HOLYOKE	-	-	1	3	1	1	-	2	2	2	2	2	16
LAWRENCE	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
LOWELL	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	6
LYNN	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	15
MARLBORO	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	8
MILFORD	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3
NEW BEDFORD	-	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	7
NORTHAMPTON	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
PEABODY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	4
PITTSFIELD	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	7
PLYMOUTH	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
QUINCY	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	8
SPRINGFIELD	2	1	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	10
TAUNTON	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	9

KEY TO TABLES

A. CONFERENCES

ASSN	- Number of cases scheduled
ORD	- Orders issued under Chapter 152, Section 7 All types
ADJ	- Insurer agreed to commence compensation or pay disputed bills
LSUM	- Cases lump summed - redemption of liability by insurer
HRNG	- The issues involved cannot be resolved at a conference
MED	- Impartial examination ordered
INAC	- The matter is not ripe for adjudication - return to file
PPD	- Case postponed - at request of either party with agreement of other party
HOLD	- Case held by Commissioner pending some action by the parties
WITH	- Moving party withdraws request

B. HEARINGS

HEARD	- All testimony completed
CONT	- Some testimony taken, more to come on another day or depositions ordered

SUMMARY 1980 - CASELOAD ACTIVITY

CONFERENCES

	ASSN #	ORD #	ADJ #	LSUM #	HRNG #	MEDI #	INAC #	PPD #	HOLD #	WITH #	OTHER #
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
BOSTON	6005	1423 24	396 7	617 10	20 -	172 3	467 8	780 13	555 9	27 -	1548 26
OUT OF TOWN	5063	1394 26	623 12	1111 22	88 2	126 2	571 11	675 13	200 4	70 1	205 4
1980 TOTAL	11068	2817 25	1019 9	1728 16	108 -	298 3	1038 9	1455 13	755 7	97 -	1753 6
1979 TOTAL	16178	3495 22	1677 10	4849 30	276 2	492 3	1517 9	1725 11	931 6	127 1	986 6

HEARINGS

	ASSN #	HEARD #	CONT #	LSUM #	ADJ #	MEDI #	INAC #	PPD #	HOLD #	WITH #	OTHER #
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
BOSTON	4587	474 10	699 15	760 17	173 4	34 -	223 5	859 19	148 3	47 1	1170 26
OUT OF TOWN	2669	292 11	299 11	668 25	192 7	25 -	269 10	649 24	38 1	107 4	130 5
1980 TOTAL	7256	766 11	998 14	1428 20	365 5	59 -	492 7	1508 20	186 3	154 2	1300 18
1979 TOTAL	6571	801 12	971 15	1224 19	447 7	61 1	516 8	1553 24	173 3	137 2	599 9

1980 OUT OF TOWN CONFERENCES

	ASSN	ORD	ADJ	LSUM	HRNG	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR %	743	92 12	93 13	192 26	55 7	6 -	75 10	176 24	14 2	18 2	22 3
2ND QTR %	1497	459 31	206 14	300 20	13 -	34 2	172 11	166 11	75 5	17 1	55 4
3RD QTR %	1420	433 30	168 12	304 21	16 1	33 2	155 11	164 12	59 4	17 1	71 5
4TH QTR %	1403	410 29	156 11	315 22	4 -	53 4	169 12	169 12	52 4	18 1	57 4
TOTAL %	5063	1394 26	623 12	1111 22	88 2	126 2	571 11	675 13	200 4	70 1	205 4

1980 BOSTON CONFERENCES

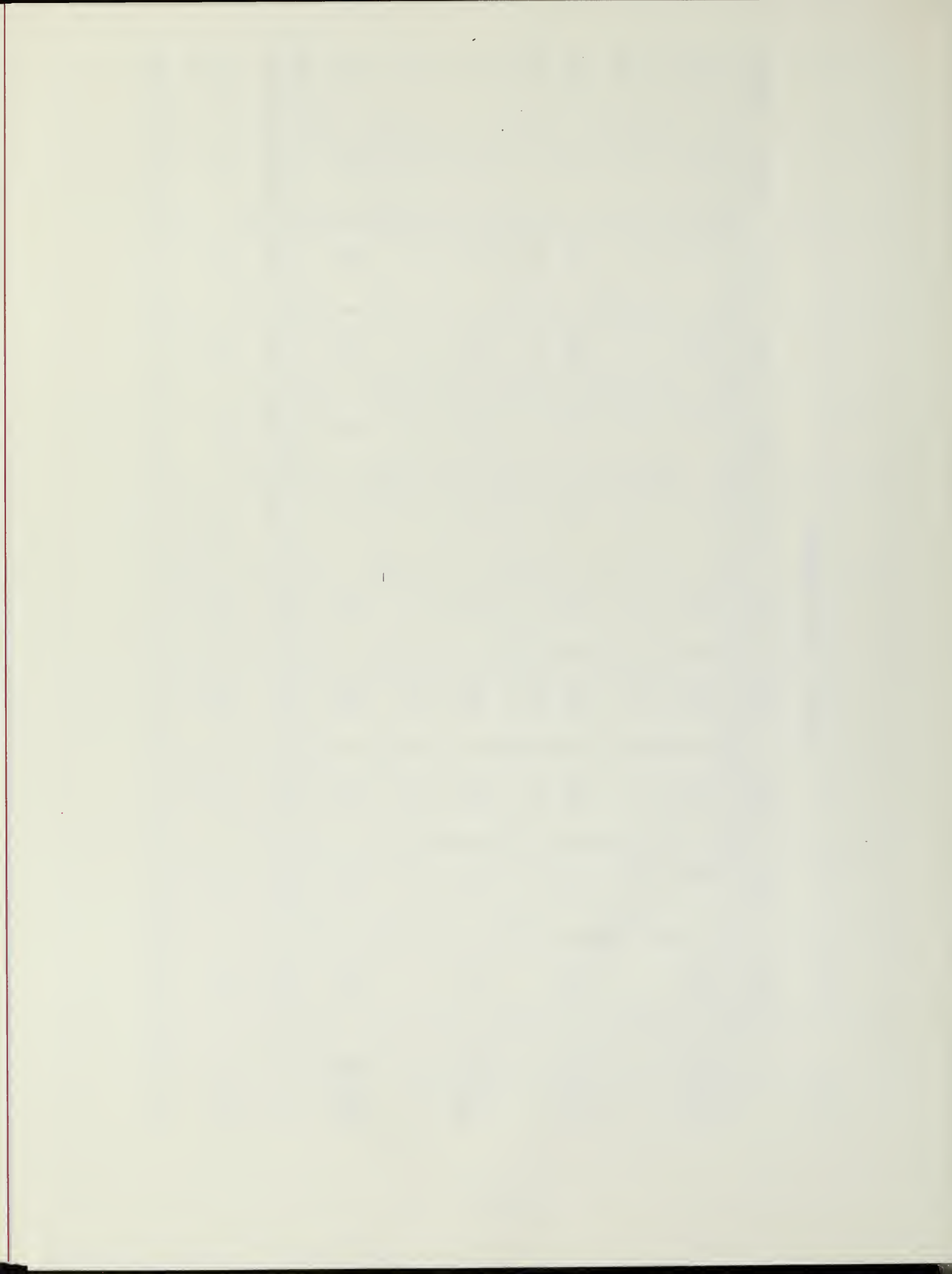
	ASSN	ORD	ADJ	ISUM	HRNG	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR %	1562	403 26	48 3	143 9	7 -	35 2	62 3	84 5	136 8	2 -	642 41
2ND QTR %	1169	249 21	60 5	128 11	11 -	35 3	42 4	127 11	95 8	2 -	420 40
3RD QTR %	1267	364 29	134 11	140 11	1 -	50 3	119 9	220 17	137 11	6 -	96 8
4TH QTR %	2007	407 20	154 8	206 10	1 -	52 3	244 12	349 17	187 9	17 -	390 19
TOTAL %	6005	1423 24	396 7	617 10	20 -	172 3	467 8	780 13	555 9	27 -	1548 26

1980 OUT OF TOWN HEARINGS

	ASSN	HEARD	CONT	LSUM	ADJ	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR %	743	92 12	93 13	192 26	55 7	6 -	75 10	176 24	14 2	18 2	22 3
2ND QTR %	928	86 9	86 7	246 27	85 9	16 2	86 9	209 23	14 2	47 5	53 6
3RD QTR %	336	32 10	37 11	73 22	19 6	2 -	49 15	84 25	6 2	15 4	19 6
4TH QTR %	662	82 12	83 13	157 24	33 5	1 -	59 9	180 27	4 -	27 4	36 5
TOTAL %	2669	292 11	299 11	668 25	192 7	25 -	269 10	649 24	38 1	107 4	130 5

1980 BOSTON HEARINGS

	ASSN	HEARD	CONT	ISUM	ADJ	MED	INAC	PPD	HOLD	WITH	OTHER
1ST QTR %	1086	71 7	162 15	149 14	18 2	6 -	33 3	70 6	24 2	6 -	547 50
2ND QTR %	1266	143 11	193 15	230 18	33 3	10 -	32 3	161 13	34 3	4 -	426 34
3RD QTR %	1059	114 11	175 17	216 20	58 5	10 -	75 7	277 26	55 5	23 2	56 5
4TH QTR %	1176	146 12	169 14	165 14	64 5	8 -	83 7	351 30	35 3	14 1	141 12
TOTAL %	4587	474 10	699 15	760 17	173 4	34 -	223 5	859 19	148 3	47 1	1170 26





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Preface

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The Division is organized along functional lines to achieve optimum use of staff expertise and resources.

There is an Industrial Accident Board within the Division. The Board is an integral element of the Division. Twelve permanent members appointed by His Excellency the Governor for twelve year terms, constitute said Board.

The Governor designates one member as Chairman of the Board and the designee serves as Chairman during the term of said Governor unless the term as member expires sooner.

The primary functions of the Division are: to enforce the coverage provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws of Massachusetts by ensuring that all employers of one or more persons have a contract of insurance or meet the statutory requirements for self-insurance; to keep records of injuries reported under the statute; to approve agreements regarding compensation and to adjudicate disputed claims arising from the provisions.

There is also the Office of Self-Insurance and an Industrial Accident Rehabilitation Board within the agency.

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Original Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dorothy A. Antonelli Belmont	July 18, 1973	May 31, 1983
Wallace B. Crawford Pittsfield	March 1, 1966	September 21, 1985
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Ralph A. Roberts Fall River	September 27, 1978	January 31, 1982
Richard A. Rogers Westboro	July 1, 1981	June 26, 1993
Nicholas J. Vergados Lowell	May 29, 1974	July 29, 1988
Edward S. Zelazo Adams	July 23, 1969	June 26, 1981

PRINCIPAL DIVISION PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
John J. Maloney	Secretary *
Francis J. Joyce	Secretary
Albert F. Horrigan	Assistant Secretary
Richard W. Lundregan	Director, Office of Self-Insurance
Edward F. Galotti	Executive Assistant
Mary O'Gorman	Supervisor, Workmen's Compensation Agents
Elizabeth Armstrong	Ass't Director, Workmen's Compensation Agents
Patrick Mullins	Counsel

* Retired November 17, 1981 after 40 years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth.

COMMENTARY

The Division's first priority for Fiscal 1983 is to reduce the caseload as it relates to both conferences and hearings, enabling injured workers to receive payments on a more timely basis.

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The Division had a toll free telephone number installed for the convenience of out of town injured working persons and members of their families who may have questions recurring to injuries sustained in the course of employment. This innovation has received many favorable comments. Due to the adoption of "Proposition 2½" there has been a substantial reduction in the work force.

The personnel's attitude and dedication is most admirable. The collective contribution of the Board Members and their staff has made 1981 a successful year despite adverse conditions.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

First Reports of Injury

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
State Employees	11,513	11,511	12,666	12,598	13,292
Self-Insurers	17,674	25,098	26,750	26,137	22,363
All Others	<u>206,041</u>	<u>205,860</u>	<u>209,988</u>	<u>195,637</u>	<u>211,349</u>
Total	235,128	242,469	249,404	234,472	247,004

FATAL CASES

1976	437
1977	441
1978	374
1979	375
1980	257
1981	341

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
Single Member Decisions	523	564	622	646
Lump Sum Settlements	6,476	6,880	7,971	9,049
Lump Sum Settlements	\$60,821,665	\$73,515,218	\$95,400,185	\$124,443,423
First Reports of Injury	242,469	249,404	234,472	247,004
Maximum Comp. Rate	\$150.00	\$211.37	\$227.31	\$245.48 *
Orders By Commissioners	4,487	6,488	7,019	9,109

* Average weekly wage is \$269.93 as of October 1, 1981.

IMPARTIAL EXAMINATIONS

1977	1,390
1978	1,489
1979	1,400
1980	767
1981	902

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Authorized	1/1/77	193	Authorized	1/1/78	193
Filled	1/1/77	133	Filled	1/1/78	138
Filled	12/31/77	127	Filled	12/31/78	140
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Filled	1/1/79	134	Filled	1/1/80	140
Filled	12/31.79	136	Filled	12/31/80	136
Authorized	1/1/81	193			
Filled	1/1/81	136			
Filled	12/31/81	128			

SELF-INSURANCE

No. Self-Insurers	7/1/77	209	7/1/78	202	7/1/79	209	7/1/80	196
	Applicants	12		48		20		26
	Approvals	9		7		13		15
	Removals	16		20		26		17
No. Self-Insurers	6/30/78	202	6/30/79	209	6/30/80	196	6/30/81	194
Ending Balance Cash & Securities On Deposit	\$67,970,000		\$98,760,000		\$95,677,000		\$106,917,000	
Change From Previous Period %	\$13,085,000 23.8		\$30,790,000 45.3		\$3,083,000 3.12		\$11,240,000 11.75	
Assessment for Cost Of Administration	\$193,700		\$203,974		\$240,625		\$235,070	
Rate/000 on Deposit	\$2.8502		\$2.06535		\$2.5149		\$2.19861	
Departmental Budget	\$70,925		\$68,933		\$70,924		\$70,828	
# Employees	5		7		5		5	





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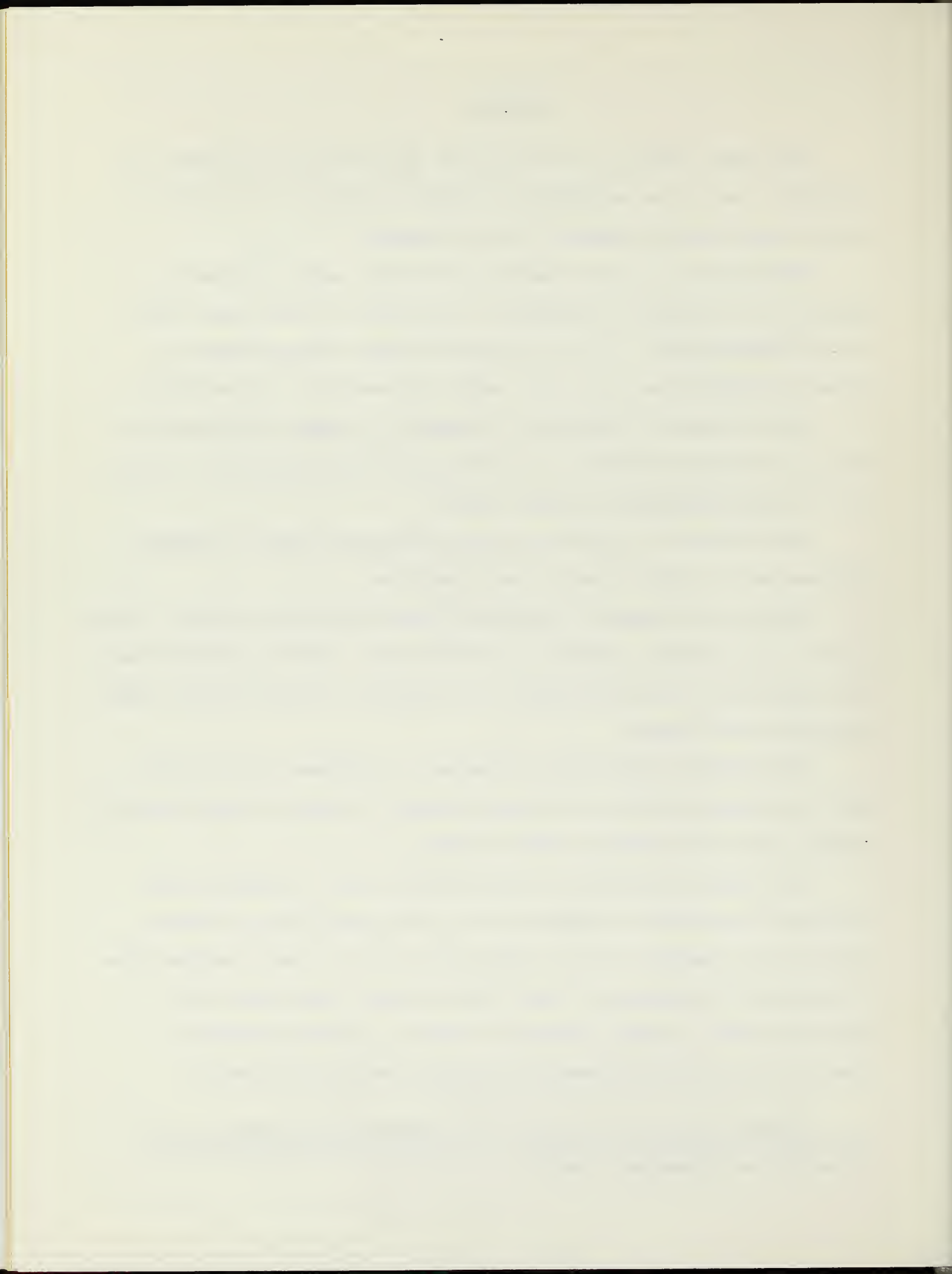
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Elizabeth Armstrong	Assistant Director Workmen's Compensation Agents
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*The Office of Supervisor of Workmen's Compensation benefits and the employees of the Division of Industrial Accidents consisting of the Public Employees Section shall be transferred to the Division of Public Employee Retirement Administration pursuant to Chapter 630 of the Acts of 1982.

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TABLE I					
Summary of the results of the experiments					
Experiment	Time	Temperature	Pressure	Volume	Weight
1	10 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g
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3	30 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g
4	40 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g
5	50 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g
6	60 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g
7	70 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g
8	80 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g
9	90 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g
10	100 min	25°C	1 atm	100 ml	1.000 g

DISCUSSION

The results of the experiments show that the reaction between the two substances is a first-order reaction. The rate of reaction is independent of the concentration of the reactants and is proportional to the square of the time. The rate of reaction is also independent of the temperature and pressure. The volume of the reaction mixture is constant throughout the reaction. The weight of the reaction mixture is also constant throughout the reaction.

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Single Member Decision	523	564	622	646	737
Lump Sum Settlements	6,476	6,880	7,971	9,049	8,827
Lump Sum Settlements \$60,821,665		\$73,515,218	\$95,400,185	\$124,443,423	\$128,059,205
First Reporst of Injury	242,469	249,404	234,472	247,004	289,211
Maximum Comp. Rate	\$150.00	\$211.37	\$227.31	\$245.48	\$269.93*

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Change From Previous Period %	\$30,790,000 45.3		\$3,083,000 3.12		\$11,240,000 11.75		\$3,381,000 .9693	
Assessment for Cost of Administration	\$203,974		\$240,625		\$235,070		\$226,175	
Rate/000 on Deposit	\$2.06535		\$2.5149		\$2.19861		\$2.05058	
Department Budget	\$68,933		\$70,924		\$70,828		\$75,157	
Employees	7		5		5		3	







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PREFACE

The Annual Report of the Division of Industrial Accidents is published in accordance with the mandate contained in Chapter 152, Section 4, of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended.

The Division of the Industrial Accidents exists pursuant to Chapter 23, Sections 14 through 24 inclusive, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth as amended by Chapter 699 of the Acts of 1981.

The Division of Industrial Accidents is within the Executive Office of Labor, in conformance with Chapter 6A, Section 17c, of the Massachusetts General Laws as most recently amended by Chapter 668 of the Acts of 1982.

The Division is organized along functional lines to achieve optimum use of staff expertise and resources. There is an Industrial Accident Board within the Division. Twelve permanent members, each with staggered twelve year appointments, and five temporary members, each with two-year terms, all appointed by His Excellency the Governor, constitute the Board.

The Governor designates one member as Chairman of the Board and the designee serves as Chairman during the term of said Governor unless the term as member expires sooner.

The primary functions of the Division are: to enforce the coverage provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws of Massachusetts by ensuring that all employers of one or more persons have a contract of insurance or meet the statutory requirements for self-insurance; to keep records of injuries reported under the statute; to approve agreements regarding compensation and to adjudicate disputed claims arising from the provisions.

There is also the Office of Self-Insurance and an Industrial Rehabilitation Board within the Agency.



MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
William J. P. Cleary Woburn	June 9, 1982	January 31, 1994
Joseph Coffey Charlestown	January 5, 1983	January 5, 1985
Wallace B. Crawford Pittsfield	March 1, 1966	September 21, 1985
Harry Demeter Dover	July 1, 1955	June 3, 1989
Emilio Diotalevi Milford	January 5, 1983	January 5, 1985
Louis Gallo Worcester	February 3, 1981	July 5, 1984
Richard Lane South Boston	January 5, 1983	January 5, 1985
John G. Martin Southborough	May 29, 1975	May 25, 1987
William A. McCarthy Newton	August 23, 1978	August 23, 1990
John H. McKinnon Dorchester	December 17, 1980	June 26, 1992
Salvatore Musco, Jr. Boston	January 1, 1975	September 1, 1986
William A. Pickett Somerville	June 1, 1979	February 1, 1991
Martin Pierce Braintree	January 5, 1983	January 5, 1985
Joel M. Pressman, Chairman Chelsea	September 7, 1983	May 31, 1995
Richard A. Rogers Westboro	July 1, 1981	June 26, 1993
Francis Turo Shrewsbury	January 5, 1983	January 5, 1985
Nicholas J. Vergados Lowell	May 29, 1974	July 29, 1988



PRINCIPAL DIVISION PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Francis J. Joyce	Secretary
Albert F. Horrigan	Assistant Secretary
Alice M. Crotty	Assistant Secretary
Richard W. Lundregan	Director, Office of Self-Insurance
Edward F. Galotti	Executive Assistant
Patrick J. Mullins	Counsel



COMMENTARY

The Division of Industrial Accidents is currently the focus of a Special Task Force appointed in October 1983 by Governor Michael S. Dukakis. The final recommendations of the Task Force are expected to play a major role in the priorities of the Division in Fiscal 1985. If the Task Force's report receives legislative approval, the Division's ultimate goal is to implement any changes recommended in a timely, efficient and professional manner so that the Division may better serve the injured workers it was created to protect.

The Division has undertaken administrative changes aimed at increasing the efficiency of operations. Increased use of the on-line computer system and a better staff-management system have been undertaken. A major effort to decrease the caseload backlog and to shorten the time parties to a contested case must wait for adjudication has resulted in some success. The Division has continued the Law Student Intern Program with Suffolk University and New England Law School to assist Commissioners in legal research as part of the effort to increase the number of final adjudications of hearings. Initial planning was undertaken in 1983 with Employment Resources, Inc. of Cambridge to utilize their clients in a work program at the Industrial Accident Board. By working with Employment Resources, Inc., the Division could best utilize limited funds to hire temporary personnel, while at the same time provide a training opportunity for those seeking to enter or re-enter the workforce. Plans were also formalized to begin a pilot program of concentrated hearing schedules out-of-Boston. The first test, planned for early 1984, called for the scheduling of four commissioners in Holyoke

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for the year 1888. The names are arranged in alphabetical order of their surnames. The names of the persons who have been elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for the year 1888 are as follows:

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5. Mr. E. F. Green
6. Mr. G. H. Black
7. Mr. I. J. Grey
8. Mr. K. L. Blue
9. Mr. M. N. Red
10. Mr. O. P. Yellow
11. Mr. Q. R. Purple
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for a two-week schedule. It is hoped that this pilot program will help to decrease the large backlogs in various regions of the state while simultaneously establishing a greater Industrial Accident Board presence.

On July 1, 1983, the public employee section of the Division of Industrial Accidents was reassigned to the jurisdiction of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance. It currently operates as the Division of Public Employees Retirement Administration. The Division of Industrial Accidents has continued, however, to provide support services.

The personnel's efforts and dedication have been major factors in the Division's ability to serve the injured workers. The collective contributions of all Board Members and staff have been of utmost importance to the Division's operation.



ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

First Reports of Injury

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
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State Employees	12,666	12,598	13,292	13,869	12,650
Self Insurance	26,750	26,137	22,853	24,834	18,988
All Others	209,988	195,637	211,849	250,508	230,186
TOTAL	249,404	234,472	247,004	289,211	261,824

FATAL CASES

1979	375
1980	257
1981	341
1982	287
1983	331



ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Single Member Decisions	564	622	646	737	595
Lump Sum Settlements	6,880	7,971	9,049	8,827	9,350
Lump Sum Settlements (\$)	\$73,515,218	\$95,400,185	\$124,443,423	\$128,059,205	\$130,667,667.63
First Report of Injury	249,404	234,472	247,004	289,211	261,824
Maximum Comp. Rate	\$211.37	\$227.31	\$245.48	\$269.93	\$297.85*

*Average weekly wage is \$320.29 as of October 1, 1983

Approved Agreements	38,767	34,553	45,518	39,198	46,757
Requests for Conferences	11,732	11,194	11,341	12,322	14,249
Orders by Commissioners	6,488	7,019	9,109	8,244	6,110
Reimbursements to: Public Welfare	\$642,862	\$726,543	\$897,813	\$922,017	\$1,048,667
Veterans' Services	\$189,106	\$234,033	\$264,119	\$254,365	\$305,064



IMPARTIAL EXAMINATIONS

1979	1,400
1980	767
1981	902
1982	634
1983	619

PERSONNEL STATUS

			Authorized	1-1-79	193
			Filled	1-1-79	134
			Filled	12-31-79	136
Authorized	1-1-80	193	Authorized	1-1-81	193
Filled	1-1-80	140	Filled	1-1-81	136
Filled	12-31-80	136	Filled	12-31-81	128
Authorized	1-1-82	193	Authorized	1-1-83	193*
Filled	1-1-82	128	Filled	1-1-83	128
Filled	12-31-82	128	Filled	12-31-83	117**

* Authorized positions reduced to 125 effective July 1, 1983

**Includes five (5) temporary Commissioners appointed January 5, 1983

SELF-INSURANCE

No. Self Insurers	7-1-78	202	7-1-79	209	7-1-80	196	7-1-81	194	7-1-82	190
Applications		48		20		26		23		14
Approvals		7		13		15		13		5
Removals		20		26		17		16		12
No. Self Insurers	6-30-79	209	6-30-80	196	6-30-81	194	6-30-81	191	6-30-82	183
Ending Balance Cash & Securities On Deposit	\$98,760,000		\$95,677,000		\$106,917,000		\$110,298,000		\$121,665,000	
Change From Previous Period %	\$30,790,000 45.3		(\$3,083,000) 3.12		\$11,240,000 11.75		\$3,381,000 3.16		\$11,367,000 10.3	
Assessment for Cost of Administration	\$203,974		\$204,625		\$235,070		\$226,175		\$258,375	
Rate/000 on Deposit	\$2.06535		\$2.5149		\$1,19861		\$2.05058		\$2.12366	
Department Budget	\$68,933		\$70,924		\$87,800		\$70,828		\$75,157	
Employees	7		5		5		3		3	

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